Assembly Bill No. 1956

CHAPTER 748

An act to add Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 20600) to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, relating to video arcades.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1956, Vargas.   Video arcades.

Existing law regulates the operation of various types of businesses.

This bill would require a video arcade, as defined, to post a sign notifying consumers that an industry-created rating system is available to aid in the selection of a game. The bill would also require a video arcade to make a brochure available upon request to consumers explaining this system.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1.   Chapter 6.5 (commencing with Section 20600) is added to Division 8 of the Business and Professions Code, to read:

CHAPTER 6.5.   VIDEO ARCADES

20600.   A video arcade shall post a sign that notifies consumers that a video arcade game rating system, created by the video arcade gaming industry, is available to aid in the selection of a game. This sign shall be posted on the wall of the arcade in a prominent area such as the arcade entrance, the money exchange machine, or the token counter. The lettering of each sign shall be printed, at a minimum, in 36-point type and shall be in black ink against a light colored background, with dimensions no less than 18 by 24 inches.

20601.   A video arcade shall make available upon request a brochure to consumers that explains the rating system described in Section 20600.

20602.   For the purposes of this chapter, "video arcade" means any premises where all of the following exist:

(a) Minors are legally permitted to conduct business.

(b) Ten or more video game machines or devices are operated.

(c) One or more of the video game machines or devices are rated "red" or five or more of the video game machines or devices are rated

''yellow'' under the rating system created by the video arcade gaming industry.

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